

**Minutes of the meeting of the National Pigeon Association on 25th June 2023
Held at Holiday Inn, Hinckley Road, Walsgrave, Coventry CV2 2HP**

Meeting Commenced at 10am

Present; David Iddon (Vice President), Nick Dawyd, Ken Goodman, Colin Jeckell (President), Graham Bates, Mark Rudd (Chairman), Helen Seed (Secretary)

Working Party; Keith Brain

1. **Chairman's Welcome.**

Mark welcomed all to the meeting and thanked those present for giving up their time to attend these meetings. Mark reminded all that we are here to serve the membership and to speak up on all matters being raised at this meeting so that we can move forward for the good of the fancy.

2. **Apologies from Absence.** Colin Ronald & Graham Giddings.

3. **Minutes of meeting held 30th April 2023.**

The were proposed by Ken and seconded by Nick as a true reflection. All in favour.

4. **Matters Arising.**

Colin J mention that yet he hasn't been able to obtain all the previous rep reports to produce the findings. Nick asked had the certificates been printed yet, but they haven't been proofread yet so a final decision on the wording can be sort.

5. **Secretaries Roles, finalise and plan interview.**

There was a discussion about recent committee emails on this topic which led into an in-depth discussion on the best way forward for the roles being carried out by the secretaries. It was agreed that the advert placed was the correct course of action, it was also agreed that a potential applicant for the role of Membership Secretary must apply in the manner requested.

The committee went through the various ways which the division of the roles could be done, details over where to have paperwork sent too. What was simplest way for the membership and clubs which would in turn result in the easier recording of all records for the secretaries? After much thought and many questions asked, it was proposed by David and seconded by Colin J that Helen should take on the role of Treasurer for a period of one year after which the position can be reassessed by both the committee and Helen.

Mark asked Helen if she wanted time to consider this but given that these things are hard to discuss and agree on email Helen accepted the position as per the proposal.

The committee discussed what would need to happen and the details of how they saw the transition to take place and the timescales.

It was put forward that the transition must take place before the start of the next financial year (1st Sept) and this committee were all in agreement.

Graham G would need to organise the relevant items with the NatWest accounts, details to be provided, any mandates organised. The yahoo account that is use for PayPal for all transitions through the website would need to be retained for ongoing use.

Telephone numbers need transferring over and this would need to be done in person, due to the security checks that require instant PIN's.

Cheque and paying in book would need to be handed over plus all previous year's paperwork etc.

The committee hoped that this could take place a date and location to be confirmed probably towards end of August, Membership secretary roles can be arranged to be exchanged if appointed on same date or new date to be organised.

Graham would be required to complete End of Year Accounts and prepare all digital files to be transferred ahead of the new financial year.

Any 2023/24 information to be recorded inc. banking done, and membership received prior to 1st Sept and going forward, to forward on, scanning and suggested to be recorded delivery.

No honorarium to be collected after 31st August 2023 by Graham G.

The committee hope that GG would be on hand to Helen and the new person once appointed should any clarification be need and hoped that Graham would continue to serve on the committee.

The committee went on to discussion how best for paperwork to be handled and how the lines of communication would be best for all involved and the simplest for membership. It was agreed by the committee that all membership, club information and general correspondence must go to one place, which is to Helen.

It was agreed with regards to the membership forms received via post that Helen would record the payments received then scan and send the membership forms onto the Membership Secretary who would record the membership and deal with all ring orders, and transfers. Paper copies could be handed over in person or posted on once a digital copy has been taken.

The committee felt that this was the best practise and could see benefits to this. It was mentioned by the David that this way, Helen could divide any other 'work' out that didn't need to be done by herself to others on the committee. The committee agreed that they must be willing to support the roles.

Graham B asked what else on the list of 'jobs' could be done my others to better balance the division. It was agreed that Jamie can recommence invoicing the Show and Agricultural Shows for all that he deals with and that the recording of this information shared easily between Helen and Jamie.

Awards certificates and organising the presentation of the same, could be done by the President.

It was agreed that once any applications have been received then a date and location for interviewing could be organised and that a panel selected from the committee.

Helen left the room so that the committee could speak freely on what had been discussed and set the honorariums.

The committee agreed and all in favour that the honorariums were set at;

General Secretary/Treasurer £3200.00

Membership Secretary £2000.00

FPW (No Change) £300.00

Show Co-Ordinator (No Change) £400.00

The committee called Helen back into the room.

It was agreed that this part of the meeting had been very productive, and the committee asked for Mark to speak with Graham on his return from holiday to advise him accordingly.

Nick would like to discuss Breeders Cards in FPW at the next meeting.

6. **Pigeons of Today.** 1960 - 2023 a positive and modern look on the fancy and its breeds.

For those that could access Teams most of the documents/articles and content had been uploaded to there for the committee to see and look at on laptop/iPad during the meeting.

There is a lot of work and content already done for this publication, it now needs the last ones completing, articles proofread and altered. Adverts produced.

The committee started by confirming which breeds to be included, either with or without a standard and if a full article or just a shorter overview of the breed was required. This was worked through breed by breed in the relevant sections.

Most standard the committee has on file and if not could be easily obtained from the breed clubs.

We then went onto look at the content that had been received and what was still to be received and divided this work out and proposed fanciers to contact to assist with the content.

Opening pieces, a most of the opening pieces had been already updated and Colin J would email the committee the work he had done on this so it could be added to the files. Loft and housing were still to be updated.

Proofreaders where selected and each to proof approximately 10-12 breeds, these are Keith B, David I, Colin R and Colin J. The committee also though that Evan Murray would also be willing to assist with this process.

The committee also look at the adverts and the monies recorded for this project, and it was agreed to put out a final call for any adverts, this would also ensure no one was missed.

The committee are hopefully that if everyone contributes then this publication could go to print end of 2023 early 2024.

There was brief discussion on costing but at this time until a page number could be confirmed this might be a little difficult to confirm and therefore a sale price couldn't be set. It was agreed that given customs and importing perhaps printing in the UK would be better, so it was agreed to ask Denise for her thoughts on this and obtain updated costings from Thomas Hellman. Basing costs around 152 pages A5.

7. **Correspondence.**

A letter for a proposed Scottish Jacobin Club had been received and a reply sent.

8. **Any Other Business.**

Kings Lynn Club register had been missed from FPW, Helen to forward to Denise for inclusion.

Ken asked if the King Club details had been received for Lancashire, which they have.

Graham B, asked the committee to agree to publish the classification for the BPSS Schedule in Septembers FPW, the costing is approx. £144.00 and Graham showed the committee the mock up produced by Denise.

There were some reservations regarding on whether this would be best layout for the schedule and would the change affect entries but there were no objections to the all the membership receiving a schedule.

It was agreed that Graham B to advise the committee of the confirmed costings and page numbers and any costs incurred from this would be deducted from the sponsorship provided but this would be clarified via emails.

Colin J, advised the committee he was off to judge in Malta the following day and would ensure he produced a write up for FPW and had some magazines and rosettes to take with him.

Keith, showed the committee a piece he had produced for collecting breed information from our membership, it was agreed that this could go out in Septembers magazine loose leaf. Graham B to type up and circulate to the committee.

Helen, collected the milage figures from the committee in Graham G absence.

It was noted that there was an error in FPW the subscription costs had not been updated on the inside cover Graham B to advise Denise.

It has been agreed to print the show vouchers A5 and with the dates 01-02-24 to 31-07-2024 to claims.

Show Reps

Newark - Nick

Sufex - Ken

BPSS - Colin J

Reading - Colin R/Jamie

Egremont - Graham B

Lancashire - Keith

Aberdeen - Mark

Airdrie - Mark

Newcastle - Helen

Swansea - David

It was agreed to send the membership labels again to the multibreed championship shows and Graham B would take care of this.

Meeting closed.